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Lane Weekly Report for November 3 - 7, 1997.

Highlights

Attended Willow Creek open house meeting on Nov. 3 in Chetwynd. Approximately 80 were in attendance, with a large majority being local citizens. The group was largely in favour of the project, although many individuals were inquiring about job opportunities.

Presented a summary of exploration for the northern Omineca area to the Omineca Resource Access Road Committee (Nov. 6).

## Exploration Monitoring

Col. A minor prospecting program was conducted by Indata Resources (Colin Campbell) on this syenite-related Cu-Au porphyry system located north of the west end of Chuchi Lake.

JD. Americas Gold Corp. (AGC) has completed their diamond drilling program on the JD and Al properties in the Toodoggone. Seventy (70) holes totaling 10,629.3 metres were drilled including 26 on Al (18 on the Bonanza zone, 7 on the Thesis zone, and 1 on the Eric zone) and 44 on JD (approx. 8 on each of the EOS and Creek zones, 2 on each of the MVT and PZ zones and the remainder on the Finn zone). AGC will likely carry out a similar scale program on the two properties next year and may conduct a modest diamond drilling program on the Lawyers property.

After 3 years of aggressive drilling on the Finn zone, as well as the drill testing of zones widely distributed on both the JD and Al properties, AGC with new JV-partner Antares Mining, should proceed with detailed and systematic evaluation of their most promising targets in an attempt to define mineable reserves and therefore advance the project(s) to the next stage of development.

QR. Gold production for the 3rd quarter at QR was 8,808 ounces (37% lower than the 14,473 ounces produced in the 3rd quarter, 1996). Cash operating costs soared to \$439/ounce. Lower production and increased costs were incurred because of a pit wall failure in the Main pit which temporarily halted production, and decreased both mill head grades and daily throughput. Underground production from the Midwest zone commenced, with its inherent higher mining costs, and development of a new ramp to access remaining reserves in the